

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A cable arranging construction for arranging a plurality of cables in a cable guide 1-comprising: a plurality of substantially tubular links (11) substantially linearly, each said link having opposite ends defining a longitudinal direction and a cable accommodating portion extending longitudinally through the link and between the ends, the links being consecutively coupled for bending deformation substantially in a plane and about substantially parallel axes, wherein at least some of the cables inserted into the cable guide (1) are being flexible flat cables (5) having a plurality of conductors (21) arranged substantially side by side in a width direction, the flexible flat cables being stacked in a parallel array with the width directions being substantially parallel to the bending axes of the links.

2. (canceled).

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended) The cable arranging construction of claim 3_1, wherein an inner space the cable accommodating portion of each link (11) includes a partition (41) extending parallel to the axes and dividing the inner space into a first accommodating portion (43) for ordinary round cables (3) and a second accommodating portion (45) for the flat cables (5).

5. (currently amended) The cable arranging construction of claim 3_1, wherein all of the cables in the cable guide (1) are flat cables (5).

6. (currently amended) The cable arranging construction of claim 3_1, wherein a sidewall of each link (11) is has a sidewall extending parallel to the bending axes, the sidewall being formed with a slit (51) extending between the opposite ends of the link and dimensioned for inserting the flat cable (5) into the inner space cable accommodating portion of the link (11).

7. (currently amended) The cable arranging construction of claim 6, wherein the inner space cable accommodating portion comprises a cable-introducing portion (53)—narrower than a width dimension of the flat cable (5)—and a cable holding portion (55) at least as wide as the flat cable (5).

8. (currently amended) The cable arranging construction of claim 6, wherein the cable-introducing portion (53) is between the slit (51) and the cable holding portion (55).

9. (currently amended) A cable guide (1)—comprising: a plurality of substantially tubular intermediate links (11) pivotally connected consecutively to one another, a substantially tubular vehicle body link (11) pivotally connected to a first of said intermediate links (11) and pivotally connectable to a vehicle body (31), a substantially tubular sliding door link (11) pivotally connectable to a second of said intermediate links (11) and pivotally connectable to a sliding door (33) of the vehicle body (31), pivotal connections between the links (11) being about substantially parallel axes (AR), a plurality of flexible flat cables (5) extending through said links (11) for connecting the sliding door (31) to the vehicle body (33), each of said cables (5) having a width direction substantially parallel to the axes (AR) of the pivotal connections between the links (11).

10. (currently amended) The cable guide (1) of claim 9, wherein an inner space of each link (11) includes a partition (41) extending parallel to the axes dividing the inner space into a first accommodating portion (43) for ordinary round cables (3) and a second accommodating portion (45) for the flat cables (5).

11. (currently amended) The cable guide (1) of claim 9, wherein a sidewall of each of said links (11) is has a sidewall aligned substantially parallel to the axes of pivotal connections between the links, each said sidewall being formed with a

slit (51)-dimensioned for inserting the flat cable (5) into ~~the~~an inner space of the link (11).

12. (currently amended) The cable guide (1) of claim 11, wherein the inner space comprises an introducing portion (53)-narrower than the flat cable (5) and a holding portion (55)-at least as wide as the flat cable (5), the introducing portion-(53) being between the slit (51) and the holding portion-(55).

13. (currently amended) A cable guide (1) for a plurality of flexible flat cables (5), each of said flat flexible cables (5)-having a width and a thickness, the cable guide (1)-comprising: a plurality of substantially tubular links (11)-pivotally connected consecutively to one another for pivoting about substantially parallel axes-(AR), each said tubular link-(11) having an inner space, a sidewall of each link-(11) aligned parallel to the axes (AR)-being formed with a slit-(51) extending into the inner space and having a width exceeding the thickness of the flat cable-(5), the inner space comprising a holding portion-(55) at least as wide as the width of flat cable-(5).

14. (currently amended) The cable guide (1) of claim 13, further comprising an introducing portion (53)-narrower than the width flat cable-(5), the introducing portion (53)-being between the slit (51) and the holding portion-(55).